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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of
Venkatakrishna Shyamala

Serial No.: 10/729,421

Filing Date: December 5, 2003

Title: IDENTIFICATION OF
OLIGONUCLEOTIDES FOR THE
CAPTURE, DETECTION AND
QUANTITATION OF WEST NILE VIRUS

Examiner: M. Salvoza

Group Art Unit: 1648

Confirmation No.: 8395

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing, please find the following documents:

X Response to Restriction Requirement (3 pages)

X Return receipt postcard

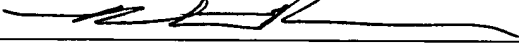
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	NO. OF CLAIMS	CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Total Claims	42	- 42	0	x \$50.00	\$0
Independent Claims	6	- 6	0	x \$200.00	\$0
Multiple dependent claims not previously presented, add \$360.00					\$0
Total Amendment Fee					\$0
Petition for Extension of Time Fee					\$0
Small Entity Reduction (if applicable)					\$0
TOTAL FEE DUE					\$0

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16, 1.17, and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 18-1648.

Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed May 3, 2005, with an initial due date of June 3. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

The Examiner required election of one of the following groups of claims:

Group I. Claims 1-11, drawn to an isolated and labeled oligonucleotide;

Group II. Claims 12-29, drawn to a method for detecting the presence of West

Nile virus;

Group III. Claims 30-36, drawn to a kit for detecting the presence of West Nile virus in a biological sample;

Group IV. Claim 37, drawn to a pair of amplification primers for detecting West Nile virus;